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In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 5 and 13.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A composition for treating a human or animal comprising,

one or more genes, oligonucleotides, antisense oligonucleotides, triplex DNA compounds, or ribozymes admixed with a nonionic block copolymer, wherein the block copolymer has the following formula:

 $HO(C_2 + O_1) (C_3 + O_2 + O_3) (C_4 + O_1) H$ 

wherein the molecular weight represented by the polyoxypropylene portion of the copolymer is between approximately 750 and 15,000 and the molecular weight represented by the polyoxyethylene portion of the copolymer constitutes between is approximately 1% and less than 50% of the copolymer.

7. (Amended) The composition of Claim 6 wherein the surfactant is polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monooleate and the alcohol is ethanol.

9. (Twice Amended) A method of delivering a compound for altering gene activity to a human or animal comprising,

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administering to a human or animal a composition comprising one or more genes, oligonucleotides, antisense oligonucleotides, triplex DNA compounds, or ribozymes admixed with a nonionic block copolymer, wherein the block copolymer has the following formula:

HO(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O)<sub>b</sub>(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)<sub>a</sub>(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O)H

wherein the molecular weight represented by the polyoxypropylene portion of the copolymer is between approximately 750 and 15,000 and the molecular weight represented by the polyoxyethylene portion of the copolymer constitutes between is approximately 1% and less than 50% of the copolymer.

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15. (Amended) The method of Claim 14 wherein the surfactant is polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monooleate and the alcohol is ethanol.